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RELIGIOUS BOOK SUPPLEMENT: Mid Lenten: No. 2

Catholic Books
Reported by Prof. Bernard Gilligan

Hagspiel, Bruno, S.V.D. Bruce $4.25

CONVENT READINGS AND REFLECTIONS

A priest here speaks to nuns about the requirements and difficulties of convent life and the safeguards essential for the faithful observance of the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. The talks are directly to the point in each instance and are obviously based on broad experience and keen observation. Directions and suggestions are given charitably but firmly. Examples abound to illustrate the writer's points and to strike responsive chords where they need to be struck. An appendix includes a statement of the television and radio regulations for religious set by the Sacred Congregation of Affairs for Religious. This should be a welcome book for refectory reading and private meditation in any American convent. *Imprimatur.* (Publ.)

Neubert, Emil, S.M. Bruce $5.00

LIFE OF UNION WITH MARY

D.R. A theological and devotional treatise on Marian spirituality, this work is recommended by the Bishop of Liege and will probably evoke a heartfelt positive response on the part of many. Centering on the doctrine of Mary Co-redemptrix, the author develops the theme of union with Jesus and the Trinity through union with Mary, distinguishing various stages of an ordinary and a mystical way of union. Consideration of the latter in connection with the Blessed Virgin is an unusual feature of this book. Theological doctrine and "case histories" are both used as sources. The style is simple, clear, direct and orderly. It is true that "probably not all theologians will agree with certain of"...(the author's) "assertions", but there can be no doubt that this is a basically sound theological study that will be devotionally inspiring for all. *Imprimatur.* (4/20)

Durkin, Joseph, S.J. Farrar, Straus & Cudahy $4.50

GENERAL SHERMAN'S SON

* General Sherman's son, Tom, much against the wish of his father, entered a novitiate of the Society of Jesus. He later became a famous "Campaigner" in the cause of the Catholic Church in the face of Protestant and secularist bigotry in this country in the late eighteen and the early nineteen hundreds. He had a "tragic flaw" in his character, however. Difficulties with his superiors, largely owing to his pride and independence of spirit, precipitated a complete mental collapse. Thereafter, he gave his Order no end of trouble. In his last hours, apparently with restored lucidity, he sincerely re-embraced the Society which had helped support him after he had taken leave of it and begun to harass its superiors with psychotic threats. This is a sad, but very moving, absorbing and instructive biography. The author has apparently gone to great pains to secure historical accuracy, but his story evokes more interest than many a good novel does. The presentation of Father Sherman's boyhood background and his subsequent psychological and religious development is well planned. The reader is as much shocked by the "Old Campaigner" in his later days as his contemporaries must

have been. He is also made to feel pity for him and to be relieved and thankful for his victory at the end. This is a book for students of American Catholic history and of religious psychology, as well as for anyone just interested in a true story with great human interest. (April. LC: 59-6064)

Bars, Henry — Helicon

THE AMEN OF FAITH — $??

* This is a profoundly reflective work on the subject of faith. It is simultaneously existential and rational in approach, addressing itself to the complicated questions relating to the philosophy, theology and psychology of faith. A subtle sanity and charity is manifested throughout, which is rarely to be found in works of this nature. Some of the author's opinions are indicative of an independent spirit, but they are balanced by a caution that is sincerely respectful of tradition. The writing is often very beautiful, the argument generally cogent and the depth of understanding unusual. *Part I* deals with personal and intellectual problems of belief and unbelief; *Part II* with the relation of faith to love and eternal life, *Part III* with the trials and ominous implications of faith, and *Part IV* with faith and theology. Though appreciative himself of the abuses of philosophy and theology, the author has little patience with "anti-philosophism". This is a work to be pondered again and again by all who would obtain a better understanding of faith and would hope to profit personally from that understanding. (Spring)

Couturier, Charles — Helicon

THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH — $??

An exceptionally clear and profound survey guide to Catholic missionary theology and activity. Its brevity is matched by its comprehensive breadth, its progressive character by its saving sense of balance. The aim is "the modest one of clarifying the theological principles and sociological laws which combine to govern missionary action, of tracing the elaborate linkage of its different facets, and of setting each problem in the context of the whole life of the Church". The supernatural character of the goal of missionary activity is the decisive principle on which the author bases his solutions to problems of a cultural, social and political nature. He is rightly more conservative than many authors are in his views on the matter of cultural and religious adaptation, but a balanced progressivism might be a better phrase by which to characterize his views. This book is a vital contribution to the field of Catholic missiology because of the breadth, depth and balance of the synthesis it presents. *Imprimatur.* (Spring)

Foster, Kenelm, O.P.-*Ed.* — Helicon

THE LIFE OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS — $5.00

"The aim of this book is to confront the reader as directly as possible with the personality of St. Thomas." The means chosen are excellent:- a scholarly translation of and commentary on *The Life of St. Thomas Aquinas* by Bernard Gui; excerpts from the *First Canonization Enquiry,* from the *Historia Ecclesiastica* of Tolomeo of Lucca, from the *Vitae Fratrum* and the *Cronica Brevis* of Gerard de Fracher and a *Letter of the Faculty of Arts in the University of Paris,* followed by a note on St. Thomas's family and an Italian sonnet attributed to St. Thomas. These documents represent *the* historical sources for our knowledge of St. Thomas's life. In view of the important position St. Thomas holds in Catholic theology and philosophy and the widespread diffusion of his doctrines, but the paucity of general knowledge about his personality, this clear and orderly presentation of the principal historical sources, followed in each case by illuminating notes, can be appreciated as being a real and permanent contribution to both the student and the general reader. *Imprimatur.* (Publ.)

Englebert, Omer Kenedy
CATHERINE LABOURE AND THE MODERN APPARITIONS OF OUR LADY $3.95

* From 1830 to 1933, there have been reports of eight distinct series of apparitions of the Blessed Virgin in Europe. All were investigated and have received ecclesiastical approbation. The present work undertakes to study the history and significance of each. *Part I* deals with the life of Catherine Laboure and the Miraculous Medal apparitions at Rue du Bac in 1830. *Part II* treats more briefly of the successive apparitions at LaSalette (1846), Lourdes (1858),Pontmain (1876), Pellevoisin (1876), Fatima (1917), Beauraing (1932-33) and Banneaux (1933). *Part III* is a short but cogent and inspiring treatise on the religious significance of the successive apparitions taken together as forming one main design. The treatment is interesting, historically and theologically sound, and intellectually satisfying throughout. The author sees the apparitions as not essentially preaching anything but the message of the Gospel again to a world that has lost the sense of the supernatural (hence the visions and miracles), has forgotten the emphasis in the Gospel on humility, poverty and purity (hence the character of the chosen visionaries), and the realities of original sin and the devil (hence the nature of the apparitions and their message). Recommended for all, *especially* the sceptical. (3/??.LC: 59-5564)

Groppi, Ugo & Kenedy
Lombardi, Julius ABOVE ALL A SHEPHERD $3.95

* The appearance at this time of a biography of Pope John XXIII may seem somewhat premature. The present work belies such judgment. After all, the Pope has been around a long time in other important ecclesiastical capacities. The authors have apparently made very effort to record only what can be genuinely substantiated, yet their book still offers us a mass of important information, much of it full of human interest. The impression of the "human-ness" of the Pope's personality that most people have probably already derived from photographs and press releases will not be changed by a reading of this volume. The reader's admiration will grow, moreover, for a man who, as a representative of the Vatican in Bulgaria, Turkey, Greece and France, and as Patriarch of Venice, always remained a simple human being and a devoted priest, but with extraordinary gifts of persuasion and administration. His entire career is here reviewed and his essential qualities are brought out by telling anecdotes. It is interesting to learn that the Pope's personal motto is "Know thyself" and that the vices he abhors are authoritarianism and paternalism. Recommended for all, Catholics and non-Catholics alike. *Imprimatur.* (3/12)

Dawson, Christopher Sheed & Ward
THE MOVEMENT OF WORLD REVOLUTION $3.00

* The renowned British cultural historian, now Professor of Roman Catholic Studies at Harvard, here studies in broad outline the present world situation in the light of the past history of Christendom, Islam, China and India. The world is moving toward a unity that presently involves an extension of the European revolution of the 18th century to Asia and Africa in the form of the rising nationalist movements in the East. Insisting that culture is historically more important in the long run than politics and that religion is the dominant force in culture, the author sees no solution for the West in the present crisis except through a return to its Christian and humanist roots. He also sees the possibility of the East's being penetrated by Christianity in the cosmopolitan centers of the Orient and insists that the solution to the nationalist movements is not to be found either in International Communism or International Democracy, but fundamentally in the acceptance by individuals and

nations alike of the law of God that is above the nations. Tremendous erudition and cogent argumentation make this remarkably succinct historical and philosophical analysis recommendable to all scholars and students of world affairs. Eminently readable. (3/25. LC: 58-14449)

Lunn, Arnold — Sheed & Ward

AND YET SO NEW — $3.75

This is a book of memoirs and essays by the English Catholic convert whose "Now I See" has impressed British and American readers for over twenty years. The author remains still the ardent convert and enthusiastic apologist. His topics include memories of Ronald Knox and Hilaire Belloc, reflections on his debates with Professors Joad, Haldane and Coulton, the Spanish Civil War, modern forms of anti-Catholicism, recommendations for a revival of Apologetics and suggestions for the inauguration of Catholic student debating groups to meet with their intellectual opponents. The writer's comments on his debating successes may seem somewhat boastful to certain readers, but he probably feels that passivity and a sense of inferiority need the stimulus of his forthright insistence upon the superiority of Catholic claims and evidence over pseudo-philosophical and pseudo-historical attacks upon the Church. Recommended for all Catholic readers, but especially for college students and teachers. (Publ. LC: 58-14453)

van Zeller, Hubert, O.S.B. — Sheed & Ward

APPROACH TO PRAYER — $2.50

Anyone who has read the author's *The Inner Search* and his *Approach to Penance* will agree with the statement on the jacket that Dom van Zeller "is quite incapable of entertaining subtlety where simplicity will do." The subject of prayer is here treated succinctly with directness, plainness, speculative penetration and practical effectiveness. The style is almost aphoristic in spots. Recommended to all who would learn about the essentials of vocal and mental prayer, but especially to those who find most treatises on prayer too complicated and productive of unsalutary results. *Imprimatur.* (Publ. LC:58-14450)

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Non-Catholic Books
Reported by Dr. Roscoe Thornton Foust

Fridy, Wallace — Abingdon Press

ADULTS AT WORSHIP — $1.75

A variety of aids to worship seem to be in constant demand, for new ones are constantly being published. Here is another which should prove of value to adult Protestant Christians who like to read, or have read to them, a short sermon, essay or a series of mottoes pertaining to the Christian's inner life, followed by suggested hymns and scripture reading, and concluding with an appropriate prayer on the theme for the day. This is a collection of twenty on general and seasonal themes, with the meditations well illustrated from history, literature and everyday life. This should prove most useful for groups of laymen or prayer groups as an aid to keeping their prayer-thoughts in focus and in order. (4/6. LC: 59-8195)

Hiltner, Seward Abingdon Press

THE CHRISTIAN SHEPHERD: $3.00

Some Aspects of Pastoral Care

Protestant clergy everywhere are looking more and more to the writings of Dr. Seward Hiltner, of the faculty of theology at the University of Chicago, for his especially perceptive insights into all manner of pastoral relationships and opportunities, firmly wedded as they are to the best psychological and psychiatric knowledge of our day. In his earlier books *Pastoral Counseling, The Counselor in Counseling* and *Preface to Pastoral Theology*, Dr. Hiltner has already dealt thoroughly with most of the areas of a Christian minister's concern as he tries to help people; but here are more, and a welcome addition they will prove to be to the many Protestant clergy who view with respect the helpful and imaginative counsel of this able teacher. A few of the chapter titles will suggest the variety and richness of this latest volume: "Shepherding and the Class Structure," "Shepherding Organization Men," "Shepherding Rebels," "Shepherding Housewives." (4/6. LC: 59-7246)

Weatherhead, Leslie D. Abingdon Press

A PRIVATE HOUSE OF PRAYER $3.00

D.R. * Few men of religion today have as wide a hearing and a reading as Leslie D. Weatherhead, well known and much beloved minister of the City Temple, in London. He speaks and writes with clarity and conviction, and he is never dull. Such a book as this one, therefore, which shares with others a way of prayer which he has found to be most helpful to himself,will be widely and warmly welcomed. He invites the reader to build with him a house of seven rooms in each of which one may live prayerfully for a few moments each day, thus growing in grace and spiritual depth as his days increase. In Room 1 the pray-er affirms the Divine Presence, Room 2 is the Place for Adoration, Praise and Thanksgiving. Room 3 provides a place for Confession and Forgiveness. In Room 4 we are invited to make Positive Affirmation, in Room 5 Petition, in Room 6 Intercession, and in Room 7 Meditation. Thus the whole range of prayer is covered, and brief readings for the guidance and stimulation of prayer, in each room, by Dr. Weatherhead and others, is given for a 31 day monthly cycle. There is much poetry here,- that which has meant the most to Dr. Weatherhead through the years, and a wide variety of quotation from other masters of prayer. This is among the very best of the many guides to prayer that are available, and any who would learn to pray may use it to their immense profit. (4/6. LC: 59-7251)

Walker, Alan Abingdon Press

A NEW MIND FOR A NEW AGE $2.50

Vividly and acutely Dr. Alan Walker describes for his readers the difficulties and dilemmas which people must face as they come to terms, or fail to, with the new age and its unpredictable pressures. Nationalism, unmodified capitalism, racism and war are a constant threat, not only to well-being but to existence itself. All men are involved in this, and are called on to repent, and rediscover in the Christian Gospel that new mind which can lead a man to creative and victorious living, no matter how great and ominous the threats to the meaning and the measure of his life. This is a good book for those who would learn to rejoice in and accept the crises of life as means to open the way for God to come into His world with saving power. (4/6. LC:59-7250)

Neill, Stephen Doubleday

A GENUINELY HUMAN EXISTENCE $4.50

* Here is a study in depth which looks at man not only existentially in the cares and triumphs that daily beset him, but also as he stands revealed in history, myth, and philosophy. With rich resourcefulness which calls freely upon both religious and psychological insights, he aids man's search for "a standard of human nature in full, free development in every aspect of its being, active, not static, and in full human maturity". He sees genuine human nature at its brightest and best in Jesus of Nazareth, and his study of Jesus as perfectly human, and with whom a man may become

personally acquainted, is as moving and challenging as any writing on this subject to be found today. Here modern psychiatric principles receive an honest and appreciative appraisal, as Bishop Stephen Neill, of the Church of South Africa, explains the emotional dynamics behind human behavior and shows how the Christian doctrine of forgiveness and grace completes the measure and meaning of modern man. A most important book for the mature reader. (Publ. LC: 59-8315)

Beach, Curtis — Harper

THE GOSPEL OF MARK: *Its Making and Meaning* — $2.25

"This", says the author, Dr. Curtis Beach, "is a study of the Gospel of Mark as literature. It is an attempt to discover why and when it was written, what the author's religious message was, where he obtained his information, how he organized his material, how much of it is his own creation, and whether the book may properly be called a work of art." Dr. Beach is fully aware of the work that has been done by various scholars, many of whom have come to look on Mark as a mere compiler, whose compilation was freely used by Matthew and Luke as a part of their Gospels (which the author admits). But he joins the ranks of those who feel that we should recognize Mark's Gospel as a work of genuine and dramatic art. Let Mark the artist take his bow. His study thus undertakes to show that Mark was no mean writer, since his Gospel may be compared favorably in style and concept to the classical theater of the Graeco-Roman world. Mark's Gospel, like Agamemnon, moves toward its end relentlessly, one straight line of action culminating inevitably in the murder of Jesus. Hardly a word is spoken, hardly an incident is introduced, which does not bear directly on that culmination, or on the triumph which will follow. Mark, in short, is in his Gospel all the way as a creative artist, and New Testament students will enjoy this easily-shared study which will sharpen and deepen their appreciation of St. Mark's Gospel. Adult Bible classes which are not afraid of having their thinking challenged should know about this. (4/29. LC: 59-7144)

Haselden, Kyle — Harper

THE RACIAL PROBLEM IN CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE — $3.50

Much has been written, Mr. Haselden Kyle reminds us, about the racial problem in the U.S. by social scientists and social scientists, who are Christian. This is not another sociological or historical survey of the racial problem; it is rather an attempt to declare from a Christian point of view what the situation is and what Christian people ought to do about it. Especially, it tries to make plain that it is the duty of the white Christian to undo as rapidly and as completely as possible the wrong he has done the Negro. These chapters are the Rauschenbusch Foundation lectures given last year at the Colgate Rochester Divinity School by the pastor of the Baptist Church at Charleston, West Virginia. The book must be read by Christians who are deeply disturbed by the racial problem and are perplexed about their Christian witness in the matter. Other students of the social order in this country should read it too. This may be "protest" writing, but is wise and fair, and makes a distinct contribution to the solution of the problem which can't be found elsewhere. (4/15. LC: 59-7150)

Horton, Douglas — Harper

THE MEANING OF WORSHIP — $2.75

D.R. * This book comprises the Lyman Beecher lectures for 1959. The author, Douglas Horton, is now dean of the Harvard Divinity School. The *Meaning of Worship* is as perceptive and refreshing a book on the subject as has appeared in many a year. Rich in substance, graceful in style, it commends worship as man's highest response to God's initiative; it is God alone who calls us to Himself. In our Christian experience of common worship there are discoverable the eternal relationships which exist between God and man, and man and man. These relationships are therefore to be emphasized more surely in worship and then applied to every part of the Church's life. He speaks much of, and makes freshly real, the living Christ; in fact, to read the book becomes almost an act of worship. Protestant clergy especially, but also lay-people who would make their worship more real, will find this book a treasure. It stretches the mind and the heart, and lifts them up. But it is not just another "devotional" book; it demands serious attention. (4/29. LC: 59-7151)

Rothschild, Fritz A.- *Ed.* Harper
BETWEEN GOD AND MAN: *The Thought of Abraham J. Heschel* $5.00

In 1951, when the first volume of Abraham Heschel's philosophy of religion, *Man Is Not Alone*, was published, Reinhold Niebuhr predicted that its author would soon become a commanding and authoritative voice not only in the Jewish community, but in the religious life of America. His next work, *God in Search of Man*, upheld this conviction. But Heschel's philosophy of religion is a rich, complex, and many-faceted thing, and a systematic presentation of his thought and analysis, understood in terms of a set of basic categories and concepts, is difficult. It is this task, nonetheless, which Dr. Fritz A. Rothschild has undertaken by a careful selection from an arrangement of the riches of the writings of Heschel, who is now Professor of Jewish Ethics and Mysticism at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, in New York. His long essay of introduction is an excellent evaluation and appraisal of Heschel's writing, which may then be read with keener awareness and appreciation. The chosen writings are grouped into five categories, "Ways to His Presence", "The God of the Prophets", "Man and His Needs", "Religious Observance", and "The Meaning of this Hour". To read freely in *God and Man* is to grow in religious sensitivity and the awareness of the presence of God. For mature men and women. (4/15 LC: 59-7161)

Jurji, Edward J.- *Ed.* Macmillan
THE ECUMENICAL ERA IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY $4.50

* It was a happy thought to honor Dr. John A. Mackay, retiring as President of the Princeton Theological Seminary after 23 years, with the publication of a volume of essays by 12 scholars who are his friends, colleagues and admirers. Their collective thinking is centered on those matters which have been the major concerns of Dr. Mackay in his wide and varied ministry as missionary, teacher, and leader in the Ecumenical movement, all inspired and controlled by his lifelong passion to "bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ". Among the contributions we find the names of W. A. Visser 't Hooft, George S. Hendry, Emile Cailliet, Eugene Carson Blake, Hendrik Kraemer, F. W. Dillistone, D. T. Niles, and Elmer G. Homrighausen, and the reader is invited to share some of the best contemporary thinking on such subjects as "The Gathering of the Scattered Children of God", "The Theological Context of the Church Today", "The Christian Church and Contemporary Culture", "The New Frontiers of the Church's World Wide Mission", and "Evangelism in Such a Time". These essays are not "popular" reading, but the serious student of the Church in today's world will find here a feast of good things which are nourishing, inspiring, and disturbing. (4/21. LC: 59-7444)

Gross, Leonard David McKay
GOD AND FREUD $3.95

Why this increasing emphasis, as evidenced by an increasing number of books on the subject, on the things which religion and psychiatry have in common? Leonard Gross, with a good journalistic eye and ear for the dramatic phrase and striking word, tells the story of how fear and hostility toward the new sciences of human behavior born with Freud's theory of the unconscious, with emphasis on sexuality and hidden desires, has given way to a realization that psychiatry has given fresh meaning to the Church's concepts of love, forgiveness, acceptance and understanding. The people and the movements within the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faith, which are so largely responsible for the transformation, are passed in review with warm applause, and love, especially for the unlovable, emerges as the true human counterpart of the divine love which seeks to love the least, the last and the lost of mankind. The book has dramatic interest, and professionals and laymen of all religions or none will be glad to have this fair and enthusiastic report of this new awakening. (Publ.)

Niebuhr, Reinhold Meridian Books
ESSAYS IN APPLIED CHRISTIANITY $4.00; Paper, $1.45
with an Introduction by D. B. Robertson

* Professor Robertson has rendered a most valuable service in bringing together in this volume scattered magazine articles of Reinhold Niebuhr dealing with the function of the Church in modern society. These writings are arranged in five sections each of

which has an interpretative comment by the editor: (1) Common Worship in the churches of America; (2) The relationship of the faith of the Church to the whole range of moral and political problems; (3) The Anglo-Saxon view of the social ethics of the Church contrasted with the "continental" or Barthian view; (4) Niebuhr's analysis and criticism of the Catholic conception of the Church (deals with Eastern Orthodox and Anglo-Catholic as well as Roman Catholic Church); (5) Writings dealing with the ecumenical movement. The editor's purpose is to outline what might be called Niebuhr's view of the doctrine of the Church. But for most readers the chief value of the book is its revelation of the prophetic nature of Niebuhr's thinking. This is Niebuhr at his most incisive, stimulating, best, probing at problems with which all churchmen are familiar, giving us the benefit of his searching criticism, revealing the weakness of much of contemporary American Christianity. Niebuhr's reputation is such that this book should command a wide reading. (3/??) *Reviewed by* K.D.M.

Lake, Alexander — Messner

YOU NEED NEVER WALK ALONE — $2.95

This is the second volume of true answers to prayer stories; the first, by Mr. Alexander Lake, was *Your Prayers Are Always Answered.* He has collected such stories of answer to prayer over a period of 40 years, and this selection makes interesting reading. The style is natural, and the content impressive. Here are men and women of strong faith in God and the power of prayer who meet the challenges and exigencies of life courageously, believing that God will answer their every need, even if his answer is one of denial to test them or set their feet on some other path. All we may safely say about the people in these stories is that they believe they have been guided by God in certain crises of their lives. Such a book of witness deserves to be read, even though the tendency of the total book is to claim too much as evidence that all that happens is an answer to prayer. These stories are strongly in the Protestant tradition. (4/23. LC: 59-7585)

Fritz, Charles E. — Morehouse-Gorham

JOURNEY THROUGH THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER — $1.35

Protestant Episcopalians are fond of their Prayer Book, and with good reason, but many would have great difficulty in giving the reasons. Its origin and contents are not well known, even by the most devout laymen, and many who have been using the book for years still get lost as the priest turns from page to page in the course of the service. For them, and even for others who know their way around better, this small commentary will be exceedingly useful. The Rev. Charles Fritz takes nothing for granted and the result is a study of the origin and nature of the Prayer Book, its contents, its public and private use, that cannot help but make the Prayer Book both more useful and even better loved. It would be an excellent manual for confirmation instructions, for it contains the least that every communicant should know. (Publ. LC: 59-5871)

Large, John — Morehouse-Gorham

THE MINISTRY OF HEALING — $3.00

* Dr. John Large, rector of the Episcopal Church of the Heavenly Rest, in New York, here vigorously calls attention to the proper inter-relationship between a man's faith and his essential well-being, physical and spiritual. As forcefully as his well-chosen words permit, he sets out to rescue "spiritual healing" from the bad company it so often keeps in the minds of many. "It is not", he says, "a black magic hangover from the Middle Ages, nor a timid stepchild of psychiatry." Still less is it a "backdoor way of bargaining with God whereby, in exchange for a few muttered prayers your ulcer, or arthritis, or migraine headache is banished forever. It is simply an ancient, Biblical and classical way of re-opening, re-aligning, or otherwise reactivating the thruway of the soul between man and his Creator." That this highway eventually leads man through death only validates the argument, for though all men must die, they don't have to die sick, not sick in mind and heart. A sensible book like this deserves a wide reading, for there is much clear thinking to be done as an antidote for the nonsense on the subject that is pouring from other presses. (Publ. LC: 59-5850)

Anderson, George C. Morrow

MAN'S RIGHT TO BE HUMAN $3.50

To have emotions without fear is Mr. Anderson's sub-title and, making full use of modern psychiatric knowledge, well-wed to his original religious training, he proceeds to consider in a forthright way both the help and the harm that religion and psychiatry may give to man in his struggle to be human. He speaks in large measure from his own experience, illustrating the ways in which organized religion so often succeeds in contributing to man's guilt and anxieties with its threat of God who tortures man with the constant reminder that his sins, known and unknown, will find him out. He is just as insistent that no psychoanalyst can ever be a substitute for God, nor his couch take the place of the Church, synagogue, altar or confessional. But modern psychiatry can unmask the bigotry,fanaticism and infantilism that so often is the enemy of spiritual maturity. With increased mutual respect and understanding religion and psychiatry may help each other and free a man to accept and acknowledge his human feelings without fear. Mr. Anderson, now director of the Academy of Religion and Mental Health in New York, will quickly convince the reader that, whatever his own answers may be, he is at least asking the right questions, and that man's right to be human has in him a strong champion. (3/??)

Hulme, William E. Prentice-Hall

GOD, SEX AND YOUTH $2.95

Writing in conversational style, persuasive and reflective after the manner of many counselors, Mr. Wm. E. Hulme has written a book which will be sure to strike a responsive chord with puzzled and disturbed teenagers. He deals frankly and helpfully with the many sex problems that are common to youth, handling them in a way which may well resolve many of the guilt feelings which accompany certain practices and thoughts, but advising consultation with counselor or psychotherapist in stubborn cases which need personal and individual help. The author's guides to his discussion are frankness, reverence and maturity, and they serve him well in this successful effort in an area already crowded with other books of advice that may be both unhelpful and unacceptable. (3/12. LC: 59-7807)

Allen, Charles L. Revell

WHEN YOU LOSE A LOVED ONE $1.50

Dr. Chas. Allen, minister of Grace Methodist Church, Atlanta, has written many helpful books based on his long pastoral and counseling experience. Among them are *All Things Are Possible Through Prayer, God's Psychiatry, Roads to Radiant Living* and others which help to answer the anxious questions of many people. This his latest will find a ready welcome by the many who must bear and understand the heartaches which come "when you lose a loved one." Its message, based on strong Christian faith, is that in death "sunrise has come for one whom I love." Many will doubtless want to give this little book to bereaved friends, at a time when the right words are often hard to find and to speak. (Publ. LC: 59-5995)

Bishop, Shelton Dale Seabury Press

THE WONDER OF PRAYER $2.25

D.R. A devotional book of utter simplicity yet of moving power, obviously written by one whose own prayer life is strong and sure. How to pray, or how to pray more effectively, is the concern of Dr. Bishop's appealing book. Grounded in God's faithfulness and love, the pray-er is encouraged not to despair at the frequent failure of his own power to pray. God's peace and joy are available to those who persist in praying and who seek to increase their awareness and skill in the true wonder of prayer. Both individuals and prayer groups will find *The Wonder of Prayer* a most helpful guide to the art of prayer. Practice, Struggle, Failure, Power and Peace are the topics which will mark the progress of those who will use this book to their great profit and delight. It is the Seabury Press Lenten Book for 1959. (Publ. LC:59-5700)

Barclay, William Westminster
THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW: Volumes I & II $2.50

The latest in an excellent series of Daily Bible Studies by Dr. William Barclay, lecturer in the New Testament and Greek in the University of Glasgow. The aim of these studies is to make the results of modern scholarship available to the non-technical reader in a form that does not require a theological education to understand, and then to seek to make the teaching of the New Testament books relevant to life and work today. In this particular study, special attention is given to the Sermon on the Mount as central to Christian faith and life. Bible classes of Protestant Churches will find wide use for this and other volumes in the series; their careful study will be amply rewarded. (3/30. LC: 59-8233)

Bowman, Henry A. Westminster
A CHRISTIAN INTERPRETATION OF MARRIAGE $2.50

It is good to have a book like this from one who is a professional sociologist and a Christian. Too many of the available resource books for Christian marriage counseling seem somehow to be rather rigid and arbitrary in their interpretation of Christian marriage, reflecting the training and particular indoctrination of the writer. Dr. Henry A. Bowman recognizes that there are other possible Christian interpretations of marriage, but surely there are none more Christian in spirit than his. Beginning with a frank discussion of the nature of sex, the nature of marriage, and the wedding ceremony, he pays particular attention to Jesus' attitude toward and teaching about marriage and divorce. Convinced that the ideal marriage is a lifelong union of men and women held close together by abiding love, he recognizes that love does not automatically come with the promise to love, nor does intent alone make it a spiritual love. His discussion of the Christian attitude toward divorce and remarriage is especially helpful. Pertinent passages from the New Testament are reprinted, as well as suggested topics for talks or discussion panels. Altogether this is a most valuable and useful book for Protestant Christians. (4/27. LC: 59-5913)

Carnell, Edward John Westminster
THE CASE FOR ORTHODOX THEOLOGY $3.50

The author, Professor Edward J. Carnell, of the Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California,reminds his readers that orthodoxy is that branch of Christendom which limits the grounds of religious authority to the Bible. A Christian's faith and practice must be Bible-centered or it is not Orthodox. Many Protestant Christian Churches expect and demand that their ministers shall not teach or preach anything which is not based on Holy Scripture but Dr. Carnell, and other strictly orthodox Christians, would insist that this permits too much deviational liberty; they argue for the plenary inspiration of Scripture. The Bible and the Bible alone, is the World of God written, both Old and New Testaments. God made a covenant with Abraham, and Jesus Christ is the blessing of this covenant. This is challenging reading, cogently written, deserving to be read even by liberal Christian theologians who may be so fuzzy in their convictions that the Orthodox are almost persuaded that they don't have any. (4/27. LC: 59-5515)

Kraemer, Hendrik Westminster
A THEOLOGY OF THE LAITY $3.00

"The Church *is* ministry", writes Dr. Hendrik Kraemer, sometime professor of the History of Religions in the University of Leiden, "and therefore ministry is incumbent on the Church as a whole and not only on a special and specialized body of people set apart for the ministry." There is a strong theological basis for the ministry, he pleads, and it is clearly indicated in the New Testament and the history of the early church. His is the first systematic attempt at a theological foundation and motivation of the laity's place and meaning, as inherent in the nature and calling of the Church,thus far undertaken. In a day in which increased emphasis is being placed on the place, significance and responsibility of the lay-membership of the Churches, it is well to have this solid theological underpinning as to status as a concomitant of the growing appeal to the laity for their commitment to the task of the Church. There is even theological justification for the ministry of women to be found there. Laymen who take their Christian calling seriously will derive much aid and comfort from this book. Even the professional clergy are likely to find here grounds for a new dignity in their high calling. (3/30. LC: 59-6251)

A CALENDER OF NEW BOOKS FOR APRIL 1959

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CONTEMPORARY

April 16-	Paley, Grace	THE LITTLE DISTURBANCES OF MAN (Doubleday)	$3.95	~~186~~ 152
April 17-	Vatsek, Joan	THIS FIERY NIGHT (Harper) May Literary Guild selection.	4.50	153
April 22-	Catto, Max	THE DEVIL AT FOUR O'CLOCK (Morrow)	3.50	154
April 22-	Spark, Muriel	MEMENTO MORI (Lippincott)	3.95	232
April 24-	Hawkes, Jacquetta	PROVIDENCE ISLAND (Random House)	3.50	156
April ??-	Longstreet, Stephen & Ethel	THE POLITICIAN (Funk & Wagnalls)	4.95	111

HISTORICAL

April 24-	Wilson, Erle	ADAMS OF THE BOUNTY (Criterion)	3.95	186
April ??-	Oliver, Jane	THE LION AND THE ROSE (Putnam)	2.95	111

DIVERSIONS

April 8-	Martin, Shane	THE THIRD STATUE (Morrow)	3.50	109
April 13-	Mathews, D. L.	THE FATAL AMATEUR (Rinehart)	2.95	114
April 22-	Fremlin, Celia	THE HOURS BEFORE DAWN (Lippincott)	3.00	154
April 24-	Eyre, Katherine W.	THE CHINESE BOX (Appleton-Century-Crofts)	3.95	156

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MEMOIRS & BELLES LETTRES

April 3-	Pasternak, Boris	I REMEMBER (Pantheon)	3.75	239
April 17-	Mason & Ellman-*Eds.*	THE CRITICAL WRITINGS OF JAMES JOYCE (Viking)	5.00	166
April 23-	Maugham, W. Somerset	POINTS OF VIEW (Doubleday)	4.50	170
April 29-	Norton, Lucy-*Ed.*	SAINT SIMON AT VERSAILLES (Harper)	6.00	27

BIOGRAPHY

April 23-	Martin & Wells	NO ONE MUST EVER KNOW (Doubleday)	3.75	170
April 24-	Duggan, Alfred	KING OF PONTUS (Coward-McCann)	3.95	84
April 27-	Sarton, May	I KNEW A PHOENIX (Rinehart)	3.75	171
April 29-	Penrose, Roland	PICASSO (Harper)	6.00	173

ADVENTURE

April 10-	Villiers, Alan	GIVE ME A SHIP TO SAIL (Scribner)	4.95	126
April 20-	Lansing, Alfred	ENDURANCE (McGraw-Hill) — May BOM	5.00	196

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April 23-	Peters, William	THE SOUTHERN TEMPER (Doubleday)	3.95	173
April 29-	Packard, Vance	THE STATUS SEEKERS (David McKay)	4.50	204